

STREET CAR LINE NEARLY FINISHED

WORK ON MILITARY ROAD EXTENSION IS NEARING COMPLETION—CARS TO RUN IN A FEW WEEKS.

Only the Best Material Was Used in Construction of New Line, Fifty Pound Rails Having Been Bought.

Work on the Military road extension of the street car line is progressing rapidly and if the good weather which has prevailed recently keeps up the line will soon be finished. The work was commenced at the intersection of Market street and North Third avenue, and track was first laid on the latter thoroughfare as far east as Military road, and thence north on Military road to a point near the corporation line. The track laying on North Third avenue and Military road is practically completed, and laborers are now at work on North Market street. The line will run south on the latter thoroughfare to Main, where it will connect with the line now in operation.

The company has not as yet decided upon the manner in which cars on the new line will be operated. It may be operated as an independent line, or cars may be run straight through from the terminus on Military road to Lake Park, being switched on to the main line at the corner of Main and Market streets. If this plan is adopted, only passengers destined for the Mobile and Ohio railroad depot and other points south of Main street will be compelled to change cars, and when the county fair is in progress or there is any other special attraction in South Columbus, cars can be run straight through from both the Military road terminus and from Lake Park. In the event that an irregular schedule as outlined above is maintained it will of course be necessary for all cars to carry signs plainly indicating whether they are bound, and the company will provide these signs.

The new line is constructed of the best material that could be procured, fifty-pound rails being laid on oak ties. A civil engineer who recently examined the line declares that both the rails and ties are better than used in many of the railroads that are built in the South. There is only a small amount of work remaining to be done, and the new line will be in operation at an early date.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of first grade pupils at the Barrow Memorial school: Ruth Beard, Priscilla Brest, Marguerite Brownlee, Mae Childers, Josie Duncan, Nancy Goree, Marie Hopkins, Louise Keaton, Birdie Moore, Ada Page, Velma Stimpson, Louise Tesch, Estelle Warren, Albert Conner, Louie Coward, Sam Dowse Harris, Rodman Saunders, Richard Stallins, Kimbrough Turner, Hogan Turner.

Lindsey-Lanier.

The numerous Columbus friends of Miss Ida Lanier were surprised to hear of her marriage to Mr. G. O. Lindsey, which happy event was solemnized in Mobile last Thursday morning. The bride if the daughter of the late Dr. H. M. Lanier, who during his lifetime was a well known resident of Columbus, having served many years both as city marshal and as secretary of Union lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F. The Mobile Register publishes the following account of the wedding:

A very sweet but quiet wedding took place on Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lanier, 255 Georgia avenue, when their sister, Miss Mary Ida Lanier, of Columbus, Miss., became the wife of Mr. G. O. Lindsey. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Rush in the presence of a few intimate friends, and the bride was a picture of loveliness in her toilet of Copenhagen blue with hat to match and bouquet of bridesmaid roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey left on the noon train for New Orleans, where they will remain until Sunday and on their return to the city will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Lanier for the present.

The young couple have many friends in the city, as the bride has visited Mobile often, while the groom is a Mobile boy, the son of Mrs. C. H. Lindsey and an esteemed employee of Mr. Samuel St. John.

For Rent.

Two-story brick residence, 419 North Ninth street; write me for particulars. S. S. Scales, 41-1m Crawford, Miss.

Tomato Plants.

We have for sale a fine lot of tomato plants at 10c a dozen or 50c a hundred. J. E. Slaughter & Son, 4-12-3t

Monday's Game.

In Monday's game with Gulfport the "Discoverers" became the champions for a day at least. The game was played upon the Gulfport grounds before a tremendous crowd, the standing of the two clubs being so close that the winning or losing of a game meant leadership.

For the home boys Demaree was put on the slab. The last time he went up against Gulfport he was beaten, Downing's hand being in such condition that the pitcher could not use his full speed or force. It was in the game at Columbus that Riley got his home run and it was off Demaree, it will be remembered. Well, in the game at Gulfport Monday Demaree never gave them a look in. He was backed up by faultless support, the home boys not making an error, and in addition to his glib edge pitching brilliant work at the bat contributed to the game. The mighty Riley came to the bat three times and the mighty Riley hit the dust three times. Holland, who is way up in Gulfport's batting list and a mighty hitter, fanned two times. What makes the case all the worse is that Gulfport had beautiful chances to win the game several times, at one stage of the game the bases being full, and Riley, Holland and Carlan all being fanned in succession by Demaree. The game stood 1 to 1 until the ninth inning, when hits by Dorsey and Anderson put two men on the first two bags, and then McManus, who was pitching for Gulfport, tried to catch Dorsey at second, making a wild throw, allowing both Dorsey and Anderson to advance. Then Pat Downing cleaned up the bases with a two-base hit to right field and the game was won, 3 to 1 in favor of Columbus. Durmeyer at second played a great game and all of the players were in it from the jump. Toft was out of the game, but his coaching and advice were worth a whole lot on the firing line. By defeating Gulfport on Monday Columbus jumped to first place.

Yesterday's Game.

Yesterday's game resulted in a shut-out for Columbus, May having been in the box and having been touched up for six safeties, which, combined with Durmeyer's errors, cost the game. Columbus lost, 2 to 0, Schultz having yielded only two hits. It was a fine game and shows what the locals are doing. The third and last game of the series will be played this afternoon, after which the team comes home for a series with Meridian, beginning tomorrow afternoon.

Easter Millinery at Half Price.

We are expecting by express on the noon train today two large shipments of new Easter hats. The shoppers write us, as they wish to close out all hats on hand before Easter, they have made us these hats at about half the regular price. We place them on sale this noon at 3 o'clock. In order to swell the assortment we have reduced a number of patterned and tailored hats in our regular stock and they will be included in this sale. Remember, we show no two hats alike. Be on hand at 3 o'clock this afternoon and you will have an opportunity of securing a beautiful Easter hat at about half price. Terms: Spot cash. Sale will continue through the week. The Womans Store, R. E. Leigh.

Holy Week Services.

Easter will be observed by the various churches of the city as usual next Sunday, the services at St. Paul's church being particularly elaborate. The following are the services for the remainder of holy week:

Wednesday—Holy communion at 7:30 a. m.; litany at 10 a. m.; meeting of Ladies' Aid Society at 10:20 a. m.; meeting of Brotherhood of St. Andrew at 8 p. m.

Thursday—Holy communion at 10 a. m.; evening prayer at 4:30 p. m.; choir rehearsal at 8 p. m.

Good Friday—Litany and penitential service at 10 a. m.; evening prayer at 8 p. m.

Saturday—Easter eve, holy baptism at 5 p. m.

In a Texas town not long ago, Mr. Turner, the first tenor with the Chicago Glee Club, sang a solo, as he frequently does. At the close of the entertainment a local singer evidently desirous of becoming a great vocalist, approached Mr. Turner, called him to one side and confidentially wanted to know where he could procure one of "them vibrators" to put in his throat so he could sing those high notes.

Privilege Taxes Due.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County, Tax Collector's Office. To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given informing all persons liable for a privilege tax under the laws of the state of Mississippi, that the amount will be due in May, 1908. If not paid during said month they will be liable for double the amount of the tax. W. D. Prowell, Tax Collector, Columbus, Miss., March 31, 1908.

BOSTON SUFFERS BIG FIRE LOSS

BLAZE STARTING IN RAG HEAP DESTROYS PROPERTY VALUED AT MORE THAN TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

Conflagration Occurred Last Sunday, and High Wind Helped to Spread the Flames—1,500 Families Are Homeless.

Boston, Mass., April 12.—What was an apparently insignificant fire, which started among rags on a dump in the city of Chelsea today was fanned by a high west gale into a conflagration which obliterated nearly one-third of the city. Five hundred dwelling houses and public buildings were destroyed, 1,500 families were driven from their habitations and 10,000 people made homeless.

Two lives are known to have been lost and at a late hour it was reported that two other persons had perished, one a woman, having shot herself in a frenzy over her inability to save her property. From 50 to 100 were injured.

An accurate estimate of the loss is impossible. The city solicitor estimates it at nearly \$10,000,000. The fire, which was the worst Boston has known in many years, raged before a 45-mile gale for more than twelve hours, defying every effort of the combined fire departments of Chelsea and several nearby cities and a large detachment of Boston firemen and apparatus.

The fire area, which was in the form of an ellipse, a mile and a half wide at its broadest part, extended diagonally across the city from a point near the boundary between Everett and Chelsea to the waters of Chelsea creek. It was useless for the firemen to attempt to check the on-rushing flames before the gale and their main efforts were to prevent a spread of the fire on either side.

Their last stand was taken at Chelsea square late in the afternoon, and for four hours a doubtful battle was waged. At 9 o'clock word was passed that the firemen were winning and with united energy the contest was pressed. At 10:50 an announcement was made by Chief H. A. Spencer that the fire was under control.

The great majority of the buildings were of wood and were completely destroyed, but structures of other material were almost as quickly and thoroughly incinerated by the fierceness of the blaze.

All the banks, more than three-fourths of the churches, half of the business blocks and nearly all the school houses were wiped out. One hospital and a day nursery were destroyed. In the turmoil many of the sick and infirm found difficulty in obtaining assistance and several of them had narrow escapes.

Late in the afternoon the wind had carried burning embers across Chelsea creek and buildings in East Boston caught, but extensive damage there was prevented by prompt and energetic work by the firemen.

At least two children were born during the fire. Mrs. J. Smoke of 134 Chestnut street, and Mrs. J. Arnold, 77 Maverick street, were the mothers of these infants. In both cases the births occurred shortly after the fire reached the homes of the parents. The mothers and children were removed to the hospital in an ambulance.

Change in Schedule.

A slight change in schedule went into effect on the Southern Railway between Columbus and Birmingham last Sunday, and passenger trains now run as follows: West bound bound train No. 11 leaves Birmingham at 3:20 p. m. and arrives at Columbus at 8:25 p. m.; east bound train No. 12 leaves Columbus at 2:30 p. m. and arrives at Birmingham at 7:35 p. m.; east bound train No. 16 leaves Columbus at 5 a. m. and arrives at Birmingham at 10:15 a. m.

A new schedule goes into effect on the Southern Railway in Mississippi today, and trains for Greenville will leave as follows: No. 9 at 7:10 a. m.; No. 11 at 12:45 p. m. Train No. 12 from Greenville will arrive at 2:15 p. m., and train No. 10 will arrive at 11:55 p. m. The local freight running between Columbus and Winona will leave this city at 7:15 a. m., and returning will arrive here at 4:45 p. m.

Fresh Strawberries.

Home raised strawberries fresh every day. Order from Miss L. E. Waring, phone 478—2 rings. 4-8-2w Mr. S. T. Bradford, of Pickensville was in the city Thursday.

The new bordered lawns and colored bordered swiss, 36 to 44 inches wide, at 25 cents and up at The Womans Store. 4-15-t1

The daintiest line of Easter gifts ever displayed in Columbus on sale at the Woman's Exchange. 4-15-1t

MAJ. W. L. GARDNER MEETS SAD FATE

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN AND POLITICIAN SUMMARILY ENDS HIS LIFE, TAKING AN OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE.

Had Been in Bad Health for Some Time Past, and on Monday Night Took Fatal Drug to End His Sufferings.

The countless friends of Maj. W. L. Gardner were shocked and grieved beyond measure Tuesday morning to find that on the previous night he had summarily ended his life by taking an overdose of morphine. Maj. Gardner boarded at the residence of Mr. J. W. Irion, No. 612 North Second avenue, and it was there that he took the deadly drug which caused the final dissolution between soul and body. Maj. Gardner was the senior member of the firm of W. L. Gardner & Co., grocers, corner College and South Fourth streets, and when his brother, Mr. Lawrence Gardner, opened the store about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, he found a brief note from Maj. Gardner stating that life had become unbearable and that he was going to a land where sorrow and suffering was unknown. When the purport of this note dawned upon Mr. Gardner he hastened to the residence of Mr. Irion, and on ascending to his brother's room found his worst fears confirmed. There on the bed lay his brother, a corpse, while an empty morphine bottle nearby told all too plainly the means that had been employed to bring about his untimely end.

Maj. Gardner had been in very bad health for quite a long time past, and recently had complained of not being able to sleep at night. On Monday he went into a local drug store and told the proprietor of his inability to sleep, and asked several questions concerning the effects of morphine, one of them being as to the quantity required to kill a man. The druggist told him that morphine was dangerous in any quantity, and advised him to take something less harmless remedy. He left the store, leaving the druggist under the impression that he intended to follow his advice, but it was learned that later in the day he visited another pharmacy, at which he was familiar with the places where different drugs are kept, and going behind the prescription case, slipped a bottle of morphine tablets in his pocket. He also telephoned a third drug store and secured a small vial of morphine, and no one knows just what quantity of the drug he swallowed.

It was learned from Mr. Irion that Maj. Gardner reached the house at an early hour Monday night and went immediately to his room. No one knows just what time he took the drug, but it is believed that he swallowed the fatal dose soon after retiring to his room, and had been dead several hours when his brother and Mr. Irion visited the apartment.

Maj. Gardner was one of the best known men in the city. He possessed a kind heart and generous disposition, and had friends among all classes. He was a member of the city council, having represented the Sixth ward for a number of years, and was prominent in business circles, having, as stated above, conducted a large grocery store at the corner of College and South Fourth streets. He was formerly an officer of the Mississippi National Guard, having been aide de camp, with the rank of major, on the staff of Hon. A. J. McLaurin when that gentleman was governor of Mississippi.

Maj. Gardner was about 35 years old, and was a member of one of the best known families in this section, having been a son of Mr. J. W. Gardner, who served several terms as county treasurer, and a brother-in-law of Mr. J. B. Williams, the present tax assessor. He is survived by a widow, who at the time of his death was on a visit to her parents in Jacksonville, Fla., and several brothers and sisters.

Definite arrangements for the obsequies have not as yet been made, but it is probable that the funeral services will take place at the First Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Maj. Gardner was a member of Columbus lodge, No. 555, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the members of the lodge will attend the funeral in a body.

Dr. Malcolm M. Stewart, expert house mover from Birmingham, Ala., is in Columbus and can be seen at the residence of Mr. Walter Weaver during the day, where he is on a job of this kind. You can have your house moved without the slightest injury and live in it while moving. See him for particulars and low prices.

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Two Important Decisions.

Judge McCool has rendered decisions in two important cases which have been pending settlement in the chancery court for quite a long time past. One of these was the bill filed by the Southeastern Cement Company, of Chicago, in which it was sought to enforce a deed of trust for \$3,500 which was given by Kelly & Pope, and which was contested by Dr. J. W. Lipscomb and Mr. Warren M. Cox, who had prior claims on the property. When Kelly & Pope were in control of the gravel pit they gave to the Southeastern Cement Company a deed of trust in the above stated amount to secure payment for indebtedness incurred, when there were prior claims in existence. Dr. Lipscomb and Mr. Cox had held trust deeds amounting to about \$1,000 each. Capt. R. T. Rather was formerly interested with Kelly & Pope in some of their enterprises, and the Southeastern Cement Company sought to hold him responsible for the debt, he having been named as one of the defendants in the case.

The decision rendered by Judge McCool is against the Southeastern Cement Company, and provides that the property be sold by the clerk of the court as commissioner, who, with the proceeds, shall pay to Dr. Lipscomb and Mr. Cox the amounts due them on the trust deeds, and shall also pay to Mr. Cox the value of the one-third interest in the property which he owned. The remainder of the money, should there be anything left, is to be applied to the payment of the indebtedness due the Southeastern Cement Company.

By the terms of the decree Capt. Rather is absolved from all responsibility in the matter. The Southeastern Cement Company was represented by Judge Newman Cayce, while the interests of Dr. Lipscomb, Capt. Rather and Mr. Cox were looked after by Col. Wm. Baldwin.

The other case to be disposed of was that of Sid Wilson et al. vs. Matt Lary et al. This case has been on the docket since last fall, when Wilson and a number of members of the Church of Christ, a negro house of worship near Union Academy, applied for an injunction restraining James Waddell, the pastor of the church, from further occupancy of the pulpit, the injunction being asked for on the ground that the doctrines advocated by Waddell were not in accordance with the teachings of the Bible. The filing of the bill brought about a schism in the church, part of the members having sided with the pastor. The motion for an injunction restraining Waddell and his cohorts from enjoying the privileges of the church was granted by Judge McCool, and a subsequent motion filed by Matt Lary et al. to dissolve the original motion was taken under advisement, the final decree having been only recently rendered.

Under the decree just rendered by Judge McCool the injunction is made perpetual, and he is restrained from further occupancy of the pulpit. His followers, however, fared better. They are restored to full membership in the church, and are to enjoy its full benefits and privileges. Sid Wilson and his associates are represented by Hon. Z. P. Landreth, while Waddell and his cohorts are represented by Messrs. Sykes & Owen and Judge J. T. Harrison. Gen. Sykes was seen by a Dispatch reporter yesterday and stated that Waddell would take an appeal.

Field Day at Tupelo.

Arrangements have been perfected whereby a special train will be run from Columbus to Tupelo on Friday, April 24th, for the benefit of those who desire to attend the public school field day exercises to be held there on that date. The special train will leave Columbus over the Mobile & Ohio railroad at 6:30 a. m., and returning will leave Tupelo at 1:30 p. m. The fare for the round trip will be \$1 and persons wishing to take advantage of this low rate must notify Prof. Ira T. Gilmer not later than Monday, April 20th, as the number of coaches composing the train will be definitely determined on that date. An admission fee of 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children will be charged. This fee is charged to defray the necessary expenses and includes a basket dinner on the grounds. 4-15 wednesday

Mr. Cleve Coleman, who during the past winter has been studying medicine in Mobile, passed through the city yesterday en route to his home in Pickensville, Ala.

Rev. I. D. Borders, of Holly Springs, Miss., was in the city yesterday mingling with his friends here. Mr. Borders came on a visit to his wife, who has been at the Columbus hospital for the past few weeks and whose condition is daily improving. Mr. Borders is universally esteemed in this city, where he was formerly pastor of the Second Methodist church, and is always welcome.

The pretty Easter novelties at the Woman's Exchange. 4-15-1t

CONFERENCE OF WOMEN CLOSES

JOINT MEETING OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI CLOSES.

Many Southern Colleges Were Represented, and Conference Brought Pleasure and Profit to All Who Were Present.

The joint cabinet conference of the Young Women's Christian Association of Mississippi and North Alabama, which convened at the Industrial Institute and College Friday, closed Sunday evening, the final session having taken place at 7 p. m. Sunday's program was inaugurated at 7:30 a. m., when Miss Mary De Ruffin, of the Alabama Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo, conducted a watch service. Miss De Ruffin is one of the most enthusiastic Y. W. C. A. workers in the South, and the words of encouragement which she gave the young ladies were very timely, and will have a tendency to build in them a broader for higher and nobler lives.

At 9:15 o'clock Miss Alice Finch, of Atlanta, student secretary for the Gulf States, delivered an address on "Missions." Miss Finch was formerly secretary of the college Y. W. C. A. here, and many of the students know her personally and recognize in her a woman of high character and well grounded mental qualifications. Miss Finch has decided to devote her life to work in the Master's vineyard, and will soon go to China as a missionary. A great deal of money will be required to carry out the work which Miss Finch has planned, but she will not be handicapped for lack of funds, as the Young Women's Christian Associations of the different female colleges in the South have agreed to raise all the cash that will be needed. Miss Finch will remain in the field indefinitely, it being the intention of the confederation of college associations in the South to raise a sufficient amount annually to support the work.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning devotional services were held in the college chapel, and at 4:20 p. m. there was a vespers service on the college campus. This service was conducted by Miss Charlotte Davis, city secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association at Montgomery, Ala., and was one of the most profitable services of the entire session. The final service took place at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, when Mrs. Besse Watkins Lipscomb, of White Plains, Watkins, Brookhaven, Miss., delivered a lecture on "The Shining Light." Mrs. Lipscomb was formerly a student of the Industrial College, and is familiar with the work at the institution. During her girlhood days the institution, as well as the Y. W. C. A., has kept pace with the growth of the college.

The conference which closed Sunday night was both pleasant and profitable to all concerned. The students of the college gained valuable information and encouragement from the noble workers who came here to attend the conference, while they in turn received a new inspiration by having come in contact with the bright and cheerful young ladies who are striving to prepare themselves for higher and nobler lives. All of the young ladies behaved nobly in behalf of the conference, and much credit for the success of the meeting is due to the enthusiastic and intelligent work of Miss Faith E. Rouse, general secretary of the college association.

The Mayor's Court.

Mayor Rogers closed the Sabbath in drunkenness and rowdiness, and there were the usual number drunk and disorderly cases before Mayor Connell Monday, the following having been disposed of:

Clarence Rogers, drunk and disorderly; \$25 or thirty days on the streets.

Henry Morgan, drunk and using profane language; \$5 or twenty days on the streets.

Eugene Connor, drunk and disorderly; \$5 or ten days on the streets.

Turner Lanier, drunk and disorderly; \$5 or ten days on the streets.

Mrs. Louis Lee and little daughter, Josephine, of Memphis, are visiting Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. H. H. Hishman, at her home on South Fourth street.

Neighborhood Favorite.

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Me., speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervous weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier, makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alternative tonic is sold under guarantee at L. E. Mayfield's drug store, 140c.